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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2007
the term for response to which is extended one-month to expire on
November 6, 2007.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1 and 5-10 are
amended; claims 2-4 and 11-12 are maintained; and claims 13-15
are added.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

This paper is being submitted
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